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SUBJECT: BASQUE SEPARATISTS TO SEEK ASYLUM IN SWEDEN

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. INDEPENDENT DAGENS NYHETER REPORTED NOVEMBER 26 THAT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BASQUE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT, THE ETA, ARE SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN SWEDEN. PAPER REPORTS THAT ETA LEADER JOSE ABAITUA GOMEZA, 28, AND FOUR OTHERS (UNIDENTIFIED) HAVE LIVED IN EXILE IN FRANCE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, BUT DARE NOT REMAIN LONGER BECAUSE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS HAS HARDENED.

2. ARTICLE WHICH IS DATELINED PARIS IDENTIFIED ABAITUA GOMEZA AS ONE OF THE PERSONS BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION IN DECEMBER 1973 OF FRANCO'S PREMIER CARRERO BLANCO AND AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF
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THE MURDER OF RIGHT WING LEADER JUAN AVALUCE Y VILLAR

LAST FALL.

3. PAPER NOTES FINALLY THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS TWICE REFUSED SPANISH EXTRADITION DEMANDS TO RETURN GOMEZA, BUT THAT LATTER NOW FEARS FRENCH WILL ACCEDE TO NEXT SPANISH REQUEST. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES, GOS HAS NOT RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM FROM BASQUES THUS FAR. MFA HAS TODAY INSTRUCTED SWEDISH EMBASSY IN PARIS TO MAKE COMPLETE REPORT ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN DAGENS NYHETER ARTICLE. IF PETITIONS FOR ASYLUM ARE RECEIVED, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GOS VERY PROBABLY WILL APPROVE THEM. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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